

Remarks/Arguments

The application currently contains claims 1-14. Applicant wishes to present claims 1-14 for further consideration. Claims 4, 13 and 14 are currently amended.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended in order to perfect priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e). Paragraph [000], providing a statement including a specific relationship between the instant application and the domestic priority document, has been added after the title of the invention and above Field of the Invention. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended at paragraph [0046]. In particular, Applicant has amended the expression “Alternately the electrical connectors may be used to set any of rods 22, rods 24, the ion inlet plate 12 and the ion outlet plate 16 at ground potential.” to read -- Alternately the electrical connectors may be used to set any of rods 82, rods 84, the ion inlet plate 72 and the ion outlet plate 76 at ground potential. --. The proposed amendment merely corrects the reference numerals in the text such that they agree with the reference numerals that are provided in the corresponding drawing. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended at paragraph [0047]. In particular, “angels of rotation” has been amended to read -- angles of rotation--. The proposed amendment merely corrects an obvious typographical error. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended at paragraph [0053]. In particular, the expression “same plate 116” at page 18, 3rd line, has been amended to read --different plate 116 --. The proposed amendment merely corrects an obvious typographical error, since every other occurrence of the reference numeral 116 is associated with the *different* plate (emphasis added). No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended claims 4, 13 and 14 in order to remove multiple dependencies. In particular:

Claim 4 has been amended to depend only from claim 1; and,

Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to depend only from claim 11.

No new matter has been added in the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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